# Appendix 8B-1: Annual Permit Compliance Monitoring Report for the Non-ECP Discharge Structures

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Non-Everglades Construction Project (Non-ECP) permit (FDEP No. 06,502590709) authorizes the South Florida Water Management District (District) to operate and maintain structures (currently 38) within the control of the District and which are discharging "into," "within" or "from" the Everglades Protection Area (EPA) and are not included in the Everglades Construction Project (ECP).

This is the fifth Annual Permit Compliance Monitoring Report for the Non-ECP Discharge Structures for all required water quality parameters, except for mercury monitoring. The reporting requirements for Mercury (Specific Condition 11) are fulfilled in the Chapter 2 Appendices. This report summarizes water quality data collected during Water Year 2002 (May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2002). It extends water quality constituent analyses presented in Chapter 8 (including Chapter 8 Appendices) of last year's *Everglades Consolidated Report* (SFWMD, 2002) and analyzes water quality constituent data sampled at Non-ECP structures during the fifth year of monitoring in compliance with reporting requirements, as stated in Specific Conditions 5 and 12 of the Non-ECP Permit.

#### **METHODS**

#### WATER QUALITY AND HYDROLOGIC DATA

The water quality and hydrologic data evaluated in this report were retrieved from the South Florida Water Management District's (District's) DBHYDRO database. Before water quality data are entered into the database, the District follows strict Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures outlined in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) approved Comprehensive Quality Assurance Plan (CompQAP, No. 870166G). The CompQAP (SFWMD, 1999a) provides assurances that the water quality monitoring program is providing accurate data and an adequate measurement of progress is being made toward achieving water quality standards.

Methods for hydrological data collection are documented in the Guidelines for the Collection of Hydrologic and Meteorologic Data (SJRWMD et al., 1994). Procedures for QA/QC of hydrological data are found in Guidelines for Quality Control and Quality Assurance of Hydrologic and Meteorological Data (SJRWMD et al., 1999).

#### PERMIT SAMPLING SITES

In addition to authorizing the operation and maintenance of Non-ECP structures, the permit requires a routine water quality monitoring program to characterize the quality of water discharged through the structures. Currently, the Non-ECP permit requires additional monitoring at four additional C-111 Basin structures (upstream) controlled by the District, two structures controlled by the Village of Wellington (VOW) and one structure controlled by the North Springs Improvement District (NSID).

The District typically collects water quality samples on the upstream side of a structure or at a nearby location representative of the quality of water flowing through a structure. The structure locations are shown in **Figure 1**. In accordance with Specific Condition 16, the District previously submitted a Monitoring Locations Report to the Department on July 15, 1998, with detailed information on the specific locations for sample collection for 44 structures. On August 9, 2001, the district submitted a minor modification to Non-ECP permit to include Phase I of the Western C-11 Basin Critical Restoration Project (including operation and maintenance of S-9A pump station). The current monitoring program encompasses 38 locations in all, which provide the representative information to characterize the quality of water discharged through the 45 structures. The structure names, representative water quality monitoring location names and the sampling frequencies of the various categories of chemical constituents and physical properties required by the monitoring schedule denoted in the permit are shown in **Table 1** of **Appendix 8B-1a**.

#### PERMIT DATA ANALYSIS PERIODS

Specific Condition 12 requires the District to submit annual monitoring reports providing updates on water quality data and associated comparisons with state water quality standards. The water quality characterization includes an evaluation of compliance with Class III criteria for each monitoring location representative of a Non-ECP structure.

This report provides the annual update of the Non-ECP Permit monitoring program (Specific Condition 12) and a comparison of water quality data at Non-ECP structures to state water quality standards from May 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002 (Non-ECP fifth year's data). The year ending on April 30, 2002 corresponds to Water Year 2002 (WY2002). These comparisons fulfill Non-ECP permit requirements to measure progress toward achieving and maintaining compliance with state water quality standards.

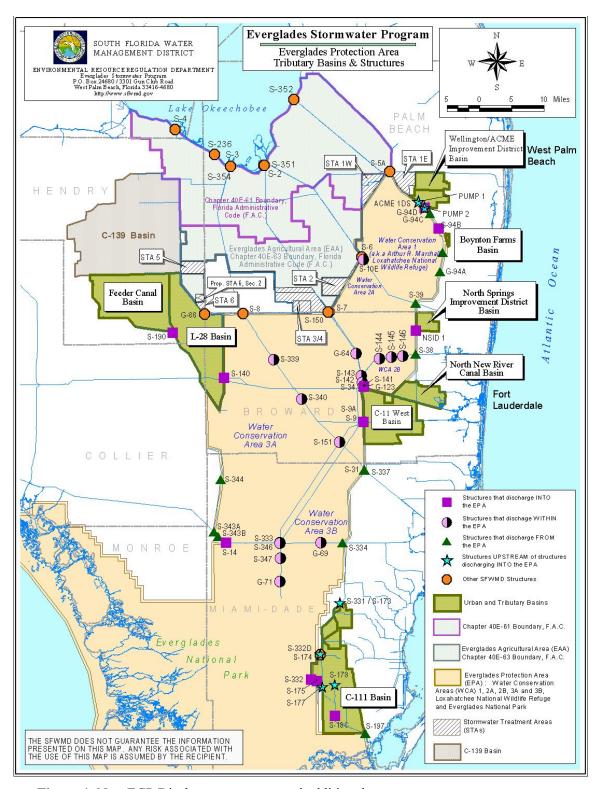


Figure 1. Non-ECP Discharge structures and additional upstream structures

#### **Method Detection Limits**

Each water quality constituent has a Method Detection Limit (MDL) that essentially defines the minimum concentration or level at which the constituent can be quantified. The MDL is usually twice the background noise level associated with a test and will not represent an exact measurement. The Practical Quantitation Limit (PQL) represents a higher level of measurement certainty, i.e., greater precision, for a constituent than the MDL and is generally considered to be the lowest level achievable among laboratories within specified limits during routine laboratory operations. Different laboratories establish PQLs at two-to-five times the MDL. In this report, trace metal data reported to be less than the MDL were assigned a value of the MDL. Total Phosphorus (TP) data less than the MDL of four parts per billion (ppb) were assigned a value of four ppb to provide a conservative basis for statistical analysis purposes. For pesticide detections, concentrations greater than the PQL were considered to be reliable data.

### EXCURSION ANALYSIS FOR CLASS III CONSTITUENTS AND PESTICIDES

To evaluate compliance with water quality criteria in WY2002, constituent concentrations were compared to their respective Class III numeric criteria. If a constituent concentration exceeded the numeric criteria, an excursion was recorded. The total number of excursions and the percent of excursions for the Non-ECP structures were tabulated.

#### Trace Metals and Un-ionized Ammonia

The un-ionized portion of dissolved ammonia measured in a water sample was calculated and compared to the 0.02 mg/L criterion only if temperature and pH had been recorded for that sample. For trace metals, the most recent trace metal calculated criteria were used for evaluating the data, even if the criteria had changed over time. When comparing the calculated criteria with trace metal concentrations, only water samples that had hardness determined from the same sample as the trace metal were used, i.e., no extrapolations to samples without hardness data were made. The equations used in this report for calculated criteria for trace metals and un-ionized ammonia were derived from the equations listed in Rule 62-302.503 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

#### **Total Phosphorus**

The data for Total Phosphorus (TP) are presented in time series plots and statistical box plots. For TP, any site with data >50 ppb would be viewed as a concern, any site with data >10 ppb would be viewed as a potential concern and below 10 ppb would be of no concern. This approach is consistent with the Federal Settlement Agreement (1991), which indicates that the District's STAs are located and sized to deliver a uniform, long-term, annual flow-weighted mean TP concentration of 50 ppb or less at each inflow point to the EPA. Additionally, the Everglades Forever Act (EFA) mandates that the phosphorus criterion shall be 10 ppb in the Everglades Protection Area (EPA) in the event the Department (DEP) does not adopt by rule such a criterion by December 31, 2003. The reader should be aware that there are additional compliance TP concentration limits for inflows to Everglades National Park (Park) by way of Shark River Slough (S12s and S333), Taylor Slough (S332 and S175) and the Coastal Basin (S18C), outlined in Appendix A of the Settlement Agreement (1991). However, this report does not track

compliance with the interim or long-term TP concentration limits set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

The District's categorization of concern, potential concern or no concern is based on a common-sense understanding of water resource protection. These terms, however, are not intended to be interpretations of state water quality standards or state water quality law. The DEP, not the District, is responsible for interpreting whether a given constituent violates its numeric criterion, narrative criterion, a water body's designated uses or the antidegradation policy.

#### **Pesticides**

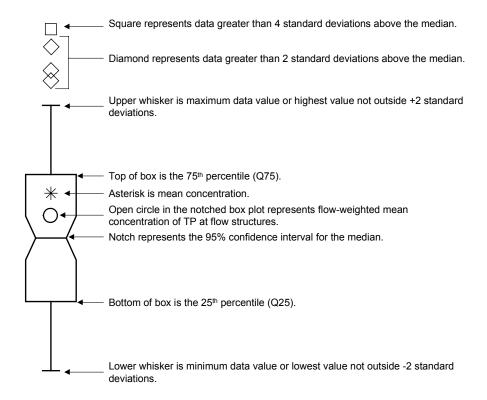
The EPA pesticide monitoring program includes Non-ECP permitted structures. For purposes of this report, the WY2002 surface water pesticide analyses are presented in tables for the Non-ECP structures only. The sediment pesticide analyses for WY2002 are presented in a separate table. Five upstream structures in the C-111 Basin are included in the pesticide monitoring program, as they represent potential warning sites for pesticides that might be discharged into the Park.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF NOTCHED BOX AND WHISKER PLOTS**

Notched box and whisker plots were created to summarize data for each constituent that exceeded its numerical criteria. These plots also summarize the TP data collected at all monitoring locations. A notched box and whisker plot summarizes selected statistical properties of the data sets. Notched box and whisker plots can be used to test for statistical significance between data sets at roughly a 95-percent confidence interval, to detect changes in constituent concentration variability over time and to determine if trends exist. The notched box and whisker plot used for these summaries follows McGill et al., 1978 (**Table 1**).

It is recognized that determining differences between data sets with large differences in sample size using notched box and whisker plots may cause significant findings that are artifacts of the number of samples and the amount of variation in the data sets. The objective of providing the plots was to compare the current water year (2002) to previous individual permit water years (1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001) and previously established baseline data sets for the Non-ECP discharge structures.

**Table 1**. Description of Notched Box and Whisker Plots Used in This Report



- 1. Notches surrounding the medians provide a measure of the significance of differences between notched box plots If the notches about two medians do not overlap, the medians are significantly different at about a 95 percent confidence level.
- 2. At times the variability in a data set may be quite high. When highly variable data are presented in a notched box and whisker plot, the width of the notch may be greater than the 25th or 75th percentile. When this occurs, the box plot appears as if it is folded from the end of the notch back towards the median. This is done automatically by the statistic program to save space within the figure being presented.
- 3. Notches are calculated using the following equation:

$$Notch = Median \pm \frac{1.58(Q75 - Q25)}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Where: n = number of data points

# RESULTS: WATER QUALITY EVALUATION AND EXCURSION ANALYSIS

In accordance with Specific Conditions 5 and 12(h) of the Non-ECP permit, this section presents an update of constituent concentrations and physical properties measured during WY2002 (May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002), the fifth year of permit monitoring. For standards with numeric criteria, the data from the structures are assessed for compliance with those standards using the procedures in Rule 62-4.246, F.A.C. For parameters that have narrative water quality criteria, the concentrations obtained at each structure are reported using plots and summary statistics.

## MONITORING OF PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NUTRIENTS, MAJOR IONS AND TRACE METALS

#### **Descriptive Statistics**

Summarization of the data begins with a presentation of descriptive statistics for all water quality constituent concentrations and physical properties (excluding pesticides and priority pollutants) measured for Non-ECP monitoring locations during WY2002 (**Table 2 of Appendix 8B-1b**). The descriptive statistics (summary tables) are presented by monitoring location for each water quality parameter collected for the site. A reference is also provided in **Appendix 8B-1b**, **Table 1**, reflecting current state Class III criteria.

The statistical summary tables report the range of constituent concentrations, median values, number of sample observations, selected data percentiles (25th and 75th) and flag parameters exhibiting excursions from Class III numeric criteria. Concentrations observed to be less than the lower limit of the analytical method (MDL) were set equal to the MDL for statistical analysis.

For parameters, such as nutrients, which have only narrative criteria, the tables provide basic information to assist with identifying water quality constituents that might be of concern. The nutrient deemed of particular concern for the Non-ECP structures is TP. Additional discussion is provided in this section.

#### **Excursions from Class III Criteria (Numeric)**

Further analysis of excursions from Class III criteria was accomplished by summarizing the excursions, plotting the data for parameters exhibiting the excursions, discussing the parameters and noting which ones are of concern. The excursion analysis is based on 11 water quality parameters (with a numeric criteria), shown in **Table 2**, that are collected for the Non-ECP monitoring program and which can be compared with applicable Class III water quality criteria listed in Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C.

**Table 2.** Summary of total number of excursions from State Class III criteria for all Non-ECP monitoring sites during WY2001 (May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002) and previous periods

| Parameter               | WY2002    | WY2001    | WY2000    | WY1999    | WY1998    | Non-ECP<br>Baseline | EFA<br>Baseline |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Total Alkalinity        | (0:475)   | (0:490)   | (0:559)   | (0:502)   | (0:525)   | (0:2845)            | (1:2677)        |
| Dissolved Oxygen        | (456:597) | (455:637) | (558:697) | (485:581) | (459:551) | (2177:3018)         | (1694:2615)     |
| Specific<br>Conductance | (0:600)   | (2:637)   | (5:698)   | (0:589)   | (3:551)   | (12:3058)           | (59:2615)       |
| PH                      | (1:611)   | (1:637)   | (1:698)   | (10:589)  | (12:551)  | (37:3008)           | (6:2586)        |
| Turbidity               | (2:479)   | (1:489)   | (3:645)   | (4:504)   | (0:527)   | (12:2842)           | (10:2637)       |
| Un-Ionized<br>Ammonia   | (0:478)   | (3:485)   | (1:622)   | (20:501)  | (7:448)   | (10:2661)           | (12:2548)       |
| Total Iron              | (0:74)    | (1:186)   | (0:270)   | (1:244)   | (0:261)   | (5:1655)            | (5:836)         |
| Total Cadmium           | (0:30)    | (0:101)   | (0:133)   | (0:126)   | (1:127)   | (4:785)             | (9:362)         |
| Total Lead              | (nd)      | (0:77)    | (0:119)   | (0:112)   | (0:120)   | (2:785)             | (1:364)         |
| Total Copper            | (0:29)    | (0:101)   | (0:132)   | (0:126)   | (0:127)   | (0:779)             | (1:373)         |
| Total Zinc              | (0:25)    | (0:100)   | (0:129)   | (0:125)   | (0:127)   | (2:786)             | (3:363)         |

Note:

1<sup>st</sup> number in parenthesis indicates number of excursions, 2<sup>nd</sup> number in parenthesis indicates total number of samples collected.

nd-no data.

WY2002(May 1, 2001-April 30, 2002); WY2001 (May 1, 2000 – April 30, 2001); WY2000 (May 1, 1999 – April 30, 2000); WY1999 (May 1, 1998 – April 30, 1999); WY1998 (May 1, 1997 – April 30, 1998); Non-ECP Baseline (October 1, 1988 – April 30, 1997); EFA Baseline (October 1, 1978 – September 30, 1988)

Of the 11 parameters listed in **Table 2**, dissolved oxygen, pH and turbidity exhibited excursions at one or more locations during WY2002. Previous Non-ECP annual monitoring reports provided summary tables showing the total number of excursions by individual monitoring location (SFWMD 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999b and 1999c). **Table 2** summarizes the previously reported information and compares the results with the current water year. A summary of observed excursions from Class III criteria for individual Non-ECP monitoring locations during WY2002 is presented in **Table 3**. The monitoring locations are categorized in the table as either "into", "within", "from" or "C-111 Basin" locations as defined by the Non-ECP permit.

Calculated criteria for the parameters were derived from the equations listed in Rule 62-302.530, F.A.C. When comparing the calculated criteria with trace metal or major ion concentrations, only samples that had hardness determined from the same sample as the trace metal or major ion were used.

For parameters that exceeded Class III criteria during WY2002, time series plots and box-whisker plots are provided in **Appendix 8B-1c**. These plots report the range of the data and the magnitude of the excursions and assist with detecting if there are any increasing or decreasing trends observed in the data. In order to assess how far above or below a Class III numeric criteria a physical parameter, major ion or trace metal deviates, a percent-departure line was added to the time series plots and box-whisker plots. These departure lines clearly indicate whether a parameter value ranges more than 1, 10 or 100 percent beyond the numeric criteria. For the physical parameters, these appear as horizontal lines across the plots. For the major ions and trace metals, the criteria for each parameter for a particular sample is calculated based on the hardness data calculated from the same sample. Therefore, the criteria change from sample to sample. For data values that show an excursion, the percentage departure is annotated on the plot above the data value.

#### **DISSOLVED OXYGEN**

Dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations exhibited consistent excursions from Class III criteria during WY2002 (**Table 3**). About 76 percent (456 out of 597) DO concentrations measured at Non-ECP monitoring locations were less than the minimum criterion of 5.0 mg/L. The DO concentrations measured for WY2002 are consistent with concentration levels and the frequency of excursions seen in previous water years. The DO excursions occurred at all locations except NSID1 of "INTO" structures, S-144 and S-146 of "within" structures. The DO time series and box-whisker plots are shown in **Appendix 8B-1c**.

#### SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE

Specific conductance was measured in 600 samples taken among the monitoring sites. From the 600 samples, none was observed to be excursions exceeding the Class III criteria, which was improved compared with WY2001 where two sites were observed to be excursions exceeding the Class III criteria. The criteria for Class III waters requires that specific conductance not exceed a level greater than 50 percent above background or 1,275  $\mu$ mhos/cm, whichever is greater. Specific conductance is not a parameter of concern for the Non-ECP monitoring locations.

#### PΗ

The pH of a solution is defined as the negative base-10 logarithm of the hydrogen-ion activity and can range from zero (very acidic) to 14 (very alkaline). For freshwater systems, the Class III criteria for pH ranges from 6.0 to 8.5 units. For WY2002, excursions from the pH criterion occurred for less than 1 percent (1 out of 611) samples collected. As shown in **Table 3**, only one excursion with a value greater than 8.5 pH units was observed at the S-145 site. The pH data for S-145 are plotted in **Appendix 8B-1c**. This parameter is not a concern for structures discharging from the Village of Wellington Basin into the EPA.

**Table 3.** Summary of excursions from state Class III criteria for individual NON-ECP monitoring sites during WY2002 (may 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002)

|                |                                |                  |                                  |             |                         |         | PAR        | AMETERS               |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|--|--|
| AREA           | STRUCTURE                      | SAMPLING<br>SITE | Alkalinity                       | DO          | Specific<br>Conductance | Hd      | Turbidity  | Un-lonized<br>Ammonia | Iron   | Cadmium | Lead     | Copper | Zinc   |  |  |
|                | ACME1DS                        | ACME1DS          | (0:16)                           | (9 : 16)    | (0:16)                  | (0:16)  | (0:16)     | (0:16)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
|                | ACME1<br>(Upstream of ACME1DS) | VOW1             | -ND-                             | (3:3)       | (0:3)                   | (0:3)   | -ND-       | -ND-                  | -ND-   | -ND-    | -ND-     | -ND-   | -ND-   |  |  |
|                | G-94D                          | G94D             | (0:16)                           | (11 : 16)   | (0:16)                  | (0:16)  | (0:16)     | (0:16)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
|                | ACME2<br>(Upstream of G94D)    | VOW2             | -ND-                             | (3:3)       | (0:3)                   | (0:3)   | -ND-       | -ND-                  | -ND-   | -ND-    | -ND-     | -ND-   | -ND-   |  |  |
|                | G-123                          | G123             | (0:14)                           | (11 : 14)   | (0:13)                  | (0:14)  | (0:14)     | (0:14)                | (0:3)  | (0:1)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
| 2              | S-9                            | S9               | (0:18)                           | (49 : 51)   | (0:51)                  | (0:52)  | (0:18)     | (0:18)                | (0:3)  | (0:1)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
| OTNI           | S-14                           | S14              |                                  |             |                         |         |            | (0:0)                 | (0:1)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S-18C                          | S18C             | (0:21)                           | (16 : 26)   | (0:27)                  | (0:27)  | (0:21)     | (0:21)                | (0:6)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S-140                          | S140             | (0:17)                           | (11 : 15)   | (0:17)                  | (0:17)  | (0:17)     | (0:16)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
|                | S-175                          | S175             | (0:11)                           | (13 : 25)   | (0:26)                  | (0:26)  | (0:12)     | (0:12)                | (0:5)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S-190                          | S190             | (0:15)                           | (4 : 16)    | (0:16)                  | (0:16)  | (0:15)     | (0:15)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
|                | S-332                          | S332             | (0:11)                           | (16 : 25)   | (0:26)                  | (0:26)  | (0:12)     | (0:12)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S38B                           | S38B             | (0:4)                            | (3:4)       | (0:4)                   | (0:4)   | (0:4)      | (0:4)                 | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:1)  | (0:1)  |  |  |
|                | NSID1                          | NSIDSP01         | (0:3)                            | (0:5)       | (0:5)                   | (0:5)   | (0:4)      | (0:4)                 |        |         |          | (0:4)  |        |  |  |
|                | G-64                           | G64              | (0:4)                            | (4:4)       | (0:4)                   | (0:4)   | (0:4)      | (0:4)                 |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | G-69                           | G69              |                                  |             |                         | No Data | (Structure | Closed)               |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | G-71, S-346, S-347             | S12D             | (0:22)                           | (23 : 27)   | (0:27)                  | (0:27)  | (0:22)     | (0:22)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-10E                          | S10E             | (0:12)                           | (11 : 12)   | (0:12)                  | (0:12)  | (1 : 12)   | (0:12)                | (0:1)  |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-141                          | S34              | Same as Data for S34 Shown Below |             |                         |         |            |                       |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| ₹              | S-142                          | S142             | (0:15)                           | (14 : 15)   | (0:14)                  | (0:15)  | (0:15)     | (0:15)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| WITHIN         | S-143                          | S11A             | (0:15)                           | (4:14)      | (0:13)                  | (0:15)  | (0:15)     | (0:15)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| 5              | S-144                          | S144             | (0:1)                            | (0:1)       | (0:1)                   | (0:1)   | (0:1)      | (0:1)                 |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-145                          | S145             | (0:17)                           | (10 : 15)   | (0:16)                  | (1:17)  | (0:17)     | (0:17)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-146                          | S146             | (0:1)                            | (0:1)       | (0:1)                   | (0:1)   | (0:1)      | (0:1)                 |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-151                          | S151             | (0:18)                           | (16 : 17)   | (0:18)                  | (0:18)  | (0:18)     | (0:18)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-333                          | S333             | (0:18)                           | (24 : 27)   | (0:27)                  | (0:27)  | (0:18)     | (0:18)                | (0:5)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S-339, S-340                   | C123SR84         | (0:13)                           | (9 : 13)    | (0:12)                  | (0:13)  | (0:13)     | (0:13)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | G-94A, G-94B, G-94C            | G94B             | (0:12)                           | (11 : 12)   | (0:12)                  | (0:12)  | (0:12)     | (0:12)                | (0:4)  |         | <u> </u> |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-31, S-337                    | S31              | (0 : 13)                         | (10 : 12)   | (0:13)                  | (0:13)  | (0 : 13)   | (0:13)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-34                           | S34              | (0:14)                           | (8:14)      | (0:13)                  | (0:14)  | (0:14)     | (0:14)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| ₹              | S-38                           | S38              | (0:12)                           | (9 : 12)    | (0:11)                  | (0:12)  | (0:12)     | (0 : 12)              |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| FROM           | S-39                           | S39              | (0:18)                           | (7 : 18)    | (0:17)                  | (0:17)  | (0:18)     | (0:17)                | (0:1)  |         |          |        |        |  |  |
| _              | S-197                          | S197             | (0:1)                            | (1 : 1)     | (0:1)                   | (0:1)   | (0:1)      | (0:1)                 |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-334                          | S334             | (0:13)                           | (7 : 12)    | (0:13)                  | (0:13)  | (0:13)     | (0:13)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-343A, S-343B                 | US41-25          | (0:20)                           | (26 : 26)   | (0:26)                  | (0:26)  | (0:20)     | (0:19)                |        |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-344                          | S344             | (0:4)                            | (3:4)       | (0:4)                   | (0:4)   | (0:4)      | (0:4)                 | (0:4)  |         |          |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-174                          | S176             | (0:14)                           | (14 : 14)   | (0:15)                  | (0:15)  | (0:14)     | (0:14)                | (0:5)  | (0:2)   | <u> </u> | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
| C-111<br>BASIN | S-177                          | S177             | (0:19)                           | (15 : 20)   | (0:21)                  | (0:21)  | (0:19)     | (0:19)                | (0:4)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
| <u>ن</u> ۾     | S-178                          | S178             | (0:11)                           | (12 : 12)   | (0:12)                  | (0:12)  | (1 : 11)   | (0:12)                | (0:3)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | S-331, S-173                   | S331-173         | (0:24)                           | (23 : 24)   | (0:23)                  | (0:24)  | (0:24)     | (0:24)                |        |         | · ·      |        |        |  |  |
|                | S-332D                         | S332D            | (0:18)                           | (45 : 50)   | (0:50)                  | (0:51)  | (0:19)     | (0:19)                | (0:5)  | (0:2)   |          | (0:2)  | (0:2)  |  |  |
|                | Totals                         | ndicates numbe   | (0:475)                          | (456 : 597) | (0:600)                 | (1:611) | (2:479)    | (0:478)               | (0:74) | (0:30)  | nd       | (0:29) | (0:25) |  |  |

Note: 1st number in parenthesis indicates number of excursions. 2nd number in parenthesis indicates total number of samples collected. -ND- indicates that no data collected

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#### **TURBIDITY**

The criterion for Class III waters requires that turbidity not exceed 29 NTU above natural background conditions. In general, the median value can be used to determine the average background levels on a site-to-site basis for the Non-ECP monitoring locations, to compare the measured turbidity at a site with Class III criteria. For instance, if background levels at a particular location indicate a median turbidity level of around three NTUs, and a turbidity measurement of 30 NTU was measured, this would indicate that the measurement is 27 NTU above background levels. This measurement would not be considered an excursion. However, in the absence of sufficient background data to calculate a median value for comparison, the 30-NTU measurement taken alone might be construed as an excursion of the criterion.

Turbidity was measured in 479 samples taken during WY2002. The majority of the data are characterized by low values of turbidity. Out of 479 samples, S178 had one sample value (30.6 NTU) flagged as a potential excursion. The median turbidity value for this site was 1.54 NTU (**Table 3** of Appendix 8B-1b). S10E has one sample value (36.7 NTU) flagged as a potential excursion. The median turbidity for this site was 3.285 NTU. Turbidity does not appear to be a parameter of concern, since excursions have occurred on very few occasions during the past several water years.

#### **UN-IONIZED AMMONIA**

The Class III surface water quality criterion for ammonia was established for the un-ionized portion of dissolved ammonia. The un-ionized portion of dissolved ammonia measured in a water sample can be calculated and compared to the Class III criterion only if temperature and pH have been recorded for that sample. None of the 485 samples analyzed for ammonia at all locations during WY2002 had concentrations that exceeded the un-ionized criterion of 0.02 mg/L. The excursions associated with the S142 monitoring location has been improved in WY2002 compared with WY2001, in which three of 30 samples exceeded the criterion. No excursions were observed in the surface waters discharging to the Park through Non-ECP structures. This parameter was identified in previous Non-ECP monitoring reports as a potential concern for structures discharging "into" the Park and the upstream structures in the "C-111 Basin." Because no excursions were evident in the data for WY2002, un-ionized ammonia is not a concern in the upstream "C-111 Basin" structures and the "into" structures discharging to the Park from the basin, which indicated a significant improvement compared with WY2001.

#### TRACE METALS AND TOTAL IRON

Monitoring for total iron and the trace metals cadmium, copper, lead and zinc is conducted quarterly in accordance with the monitoring requirements of the Non-ECP permit. There were no observed iron or trace metal concentrations in WY2002 that exceeded their respective Class III criteria. These have not been viewed as a concern.

#### **Evaluation of Total Phosphorus**

Collection of TP at Non-ECP structures established by the Non-ECP permit is in accordance with the monitoring schedule shown in **Appendix 8B-1a**. Sample collection is accomplished mainly through a grab-sample collection program. Grab samples are collected for a majority of the structures on a biweekly basis (if flow is occurring at the structure); otherwise, collection occurs at least once a month. Nutrients are the most frequently sampled parameters in the Non-ECP monitoring program. A few exceptions exist for some Non-ECP structures, where sampling is conducted biweekly only during flow events.

During WY2002, autosamplers collected samples at the ACME1, ACME2, S190, S140 and G123 Pump Structures to collect TP on a weekly basis. Deployment of the autosamplers at these locations was previously identified as an improvement in the monitoring program for collecting TP at "into" structures. Autosamplers collected samples at additional structures S-332D located in the C-111 Basin, which discharge water into S-332D detention area at east of Everglades National Park (Park).

The TP concentration data collected for all monitoring locations during the fifth year of permit monitoring (WY2002) are plotted in time series and notched box and whisker plots in **Appendix 8B-1d**. The plots are constructed to provide a comparison of TP concentration data between WY2002 and previous periods (WY01, WY00, WY99, WY98, EFA and Non-ECP baseline) in order to detect changes and trends in TP concentrations at Non-ECP monitoring locations. To assist with evaluation of the TP concentration data for a particular location discharging "into," "within" or "from" the EPA, horizontal lines representing the 10 ppb and 50 ppb concentration levels were added to the TP time series and box-whisker plots. TP concentrations are reported in parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) unless otherwise noted

For WY2002, a statistical comparison of TP concentration data for all monitoring locations is presented as notched box and whisker plots in **Figure 2**. The figures represent "into" (**Figure 2a**), "within" (**Figure 2b**), and "from" (**Figure 2c**) monitoring locations. Additionally, notched box and whisker plots were constructed for TP concentration data for the upstream C-111 Basin monitoring locations (**Figure 2d**). Summary statistics of TP data collected for all monitoring locations are presented as a separate table in **Appendix 8B-1b**, **Table 4** (grab and autosampler data are reported separately). A discussion of the TP concentration data observed during WY2002 is provided below.

#### "INTO" STRUCTURES

Some of the highest TP concentrations for Non-ECP structures discharging directly to the EPA during WY2002 were observed for the monitoring locations at the ACME1DS and G94D culverts and the upstream pump stations (**Figure 2a**). Weekly autosampler collection and biweekly grab samples at the respective upstream monitoring locations VOW1 (ACME Pump Station 1) and VOW2 (ACME Pump Station 2) were initiated in July 2000 based on a monitoring agreement between the District and the Village of Wellington (VOW).

The ACME1DS and G94D culverts, operated by VOW, remain open at all times and discharge to the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) when upstream pump stations ACME1 or ACME2 are operating. District data collection trips (16) to the culvert monitoring locations resulted in only a number of sampled flow events (9). However, the monitoring agreement with VOW resulted in a sufficient number of samples (114) collected by both grab and autosampler upstream of the pump stations to cover a broad range of flows observed during pumping events, and therefore adequately characterize the TP concentrations.

More than 75 percent of the data collected at the upstream VOW1 monitoring sites were below 105 ppb, with median TP values ranging between 69 and 85 ppb. More than 75 percent of the data collected at the upstream VOW2 monitoring sites were below 160 ppb, with median TP values ranging between 125 and 130 ppb. Discharge data were not available for the ACEM1DS and G94D culverts. However, discharge data during WY2002 from the upstream pump stations (20,492 acre-feet for ACME1 and 22,222 acre-feet for ACME2, respectively) can be used as an indication of the magnitude and occurrence of flow through the downstream culverts.

Additionally high TP concentrations were observed for structures S190 (Feeder Canal Basin) and S140 (L-28 Basin), with median TP concentrations of 41 ppb and 37 ppb respectively. During WY2002, the structure S-190 discharged 84,982 acre-ft and the S-140, 109,994 acre-feet, into the western portion of WCA-3A.

The lowest TP concentrations were observed at structures in the C-111 Basin at S18C, S174 and S177, S178, S-331, S173, S-332D, which discharge to the southeastern portion of the Park by way of the C-111 Canal and Taylor Slough. The TP data for these monitoring locations had an observed median concentration of 6 ppb for S18C, S175 and S332, with 75 percent of the samples having concentrations below 10 ppb for S18C, S175, and S332. During WY2002, the S175 and S332 structures were operated infrequently, and discharged only 6 acre-ft for S175 and none for S-332, to the Everglades National Park. The S18C Structure discharged approximately 172,835 acre-feet to the lower C-111 Canal.

Structures S9 (C-11 West Basin) and G123 (North New River Basin) discharge directly to the eastern side of WCA-3A. The notched box and whisker plot for S9 (based on grab-sampled data) depicts a TP concentration of less than 18 ppb for 75 percent of the data, a median concentration of 15 ppb, and a maximum of 73 ppb (**Figure 2a**). In contrast, 75 percent of the data collected by the autosampler at S9 under 18 ppb, with a median concentration of 15 ppb and a maximum of 100 ppb. G123 exhibits a maximum concentration of 41 ppb. The monitoring schedule for Structure G123 requires grab sampling on a biweekly basis during flow events; otherwise, the samples are collected monthly. An autosampler collected samples every seven days, and resulted in 48 autosamples and 13 grab samples collected during this period. During WY2002, procedures were also instituted to allow the determination of the volume of water discharged from the North New River Canal into the EPA. Previously, only an annual volume could be estimated. The structure discharged approximately 52,047 acre-ft over the entire period. The autosampler and grab sample TP values at G123 were similar and had a median concentration of 14 ppb for grab and 16 ppb for auto samples, with 75 percent of the data ranged from 17 to 18 ppb and a maximum of 41 ppb for grab samples and 31 ppb for auto samples.

North Springs Improvement District operates several pump stations to remove excess runoff from the basin. The flow proportional autosampler, headwater pressure sensor, and calibrated flow monitoring equipment with telemetry that monitor NSID's pump station discharges into WCA-2A are functioning for North Springs Improvement District Basin (NSID). The surface water quality monitoring program has continued at NSID Pump Station (S38B). Also, this year we have also obtained a significant number of upstream water quality monitoring samples ((NSIDSP01) taken during times of flow. The S38B and the upstream data (NSIDSP01) data can be found in **Table 8B-1**, **Table 3** of Appendix 8B-1b, and Appendix 8B-1e. Operation of the autosampler and telemetry equipment used to collect the data was delayed due to unforeseen pump repairs, but they have since been completed and pump testing was performed and pumps curves were developed and programmed into the equipment. All systems are now operational and should provide flow-weighted proportional sampling data results for WY 2003 in next year's compliance report.

Pump Station No. 1 (NSID1) has the capability to discharge directly to WCA-2A, though discharges occur on a relatively infrequent basis. The NSID1 Pump discharged approximately 2,494 acre-feet to WCA-2A during WY2002. The sampling location is designated S38B and is on the WCA-2A side of the structure. During WY2002, no samples were collected at S38B during a flow event. The TP concentrations of the four samples ranged from 12 to 26 ppb. Autosampling equipment for flow proportional TP sampling has been installed at the North Springs Improvement District for WY2002 but has not yet performed any sampling. The TP concentrations for grab samples ranged from 21 to 34 ppb for ten samples collected (six during flow event) at NSIDSP01 site during WY 2002.

The remaining structure, S14, is in the northwest corner of Shark River Slough in the Park. It is situated a short distance to the west of Structure S12A. According to operational records, the S14 Structure remained closed during WY2002. Operational records also indicate the structure has been closed since 1986. Therefore, routine sampling for TP was not conducted at this location in accordance with the "biweekly if flowing" sampling schedule required by the permit. In the event this structure was to be operated, it would convey some of the discharge from WCA-3A outflow structures S343A and S343B and some overland runoff from the southeastern portion of Big Cypress National Preserve to the Park.

During WY2002, the water quality monitoring program has been ongoing in the Boynton Farm Basin. Although access limitations and other boundary issues still exist, surface water quality samples for most of the identified "into" structures have been obtained during times of flow. Recently, the Williams Nursery Pump on the north side of the Refuge was voluntarily removed. As part of the expansion work for State Road 7 to the east of the remaining farm properties, Lake Worth Drainage District is continuing in their efforts to provide sufficient capacity to allow all discharges from the remaining farms to go east. This would eliminate the need for these farms to pump west into the A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

The headquarters property is owned and operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is bordered by several farms immediately east of its boundary that discharge onto the property. The headquarters property is identified in the EFA as being within the boundary of the EPA, but is east of the protective levee, has no connection to discharge westward to WCA-1, and stands alone as an isolated parcel. Data were collected during WY2002 data for Amestory Farm includes sites BFBAFCP, BFBAFNP, and BFBAFSP; Dubois Farm include BFBDFCP, BFBDFNP, BFBDFSP and BFBDFWP; Mecca Farm includes BFBMFCP, BFBMFSP and BFBMFNP; Williams Nursery includes BFBWNCP. These are event driven grab samples with no associated flow

measurements. The data are provided in **Table 4**, which shows extremely high TP concentrations (mean concentration of 310-1781 ppb).

#### "WITHIN" STRUCTURES

For structures discharging "within" the EPA during WY2002, low TP concentrations were observed for structures S12D and S333, which convey discharges from WCA-3A to the Park (**Figure 2b**). The monitoring location for S12D serves as a surrogate monitoring location for Non-ECP permit structures G71, S346 and S347. The median TP concentration at these monitoring locations was 11 ppb (S12D) and 11 ppb (S333), with 75 percent of the data falling below 20 ppb for S12D and 21 ppb for S333. The maximum concentrations observed were 36 ppb (S12D) and 40 ppb (S333) and the discharge volumes for the period were 225,330 acre-feet for S12D and 250,001 acre-feet for S333 respectively.

Higher concentrations were observed at structures S144, S145 and S146, which convey discharges from WCA-2A to WCA-2B. The structures usually operate at the same time. Maximum concentrations ranged from 34 ppb (S144) to 33 ppb (S145), median values ranged from 9 ppb (S145) to 34 ppb (S144) and 75 percent of the data (a total of 17 samples) was below 18 ppb for these locations. Discharge volumes ranged between 22,766 acre-ft (S146) and 37,731 acre-ft (S145).

In addition to monitoring the water quality at structure S34, the data from the location is representative of the water quality conditions for structure S141, which conveys discharges from WCA-2B to the North New River Canal just upstream of S34. The TP concentrations from the S34 location ranged from 8 to 42 ppb, with a median value of 16 ppb.

The highest TP concentrations were observed at structures S10E and S151 and the C123SR84 monitoring site, the surrogate location for structures S339 and S340. The S10E Structure conveys discharges from the Refuge to the northern portion of WCA-2A downstream of Pump Station S6. Sampling at the S10E location occurs upstream of the structure and is near the western rim canal in the Refuge. During WY2002, the S10E Structure remained closed (**Appendix 8B-1a, Table 2**). The TP concentrations (non-flow event) for S10E ranged from 24 to 103 ppb, with a median concentration of 37 ppb. Structure S151 discharged approximately 189,305 acre-feet during WY2002, and phosphorus concentrations ranged from 9 to 52 ppb, with a median value of 14 ppb. Structures S339 and S340, located upstream of S-151 in the Miami Canal, discharged about 40,375 acre-ft for S339 and 30,404 acre-feet for S340, respectively. Phosphorus concentrations at C123SR84 ranged from 11 to 44 ppb, with a median value of 25 ppb.

#### "FROM" STRUCTURES

The TP concentrations collected for the structures classified as "from" are summarized in the box and whisker plot shown in **Figure 2c**. Structure G94B exhibited the highest TP concentrations, which ranged from 18 to 129 ppb. The median TP concentration was 34 ppb, with 75 percent of the data falling below 77 ppb. G94B is also the surrogate sampling site for structures G94A and G94C. All three structures are located in the L40 Levee on the eastern side of the ARM Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) and provide water supply releases from the Refuge to the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD). Additionally, the structures are owned and maintained by the District but are operated by LWDD.

The G94A and G94B structures, when open, allow interior LWDD canals to fill, and the direction of flow has always been toward the LWDD canal system. The G-94C Structure is operated in a similar manner.

The G94C structure was used intermittently for water supply purposes and the total discharge from the Refuge to the LWDD system was approximately 21,267 acre-feet (**Appendix 8B-1a**, **Table 2**). Operational records were unavailable to determine the frequency and magnitude of water supply releases to LWDD canals during WY2002 by way of the G94A and G94B structures.

The next-highest TP concentrations were observed at S39, with phosphorus concentrations ranging between 14 and 72 ppb, with a median value of 20 ppb. The structure discharged approximately 103,132 acre-feet during WY2002. During the period, four samples were collected at S344. The TP concentrations ranged from 12 to 36 ppb, and the median concentration for the four samples was 28 ppb.

For the remainder of the "from" structure monitoring locations (S-31, S-34, S-38, S-197, S-334, S-337, S-343A, and S343B), 75 percent of the observed TP concentrations were below 29 ppb, with median values ranging between 10 and 15 ppb.

#### C-111 BASIN UPSTREAM STRUCTURES

Structures S176, S177, S178, S331 and S173, shown in **Figure 2d**, are C-111 Basin structures located upstream of "into" structures S18C, S332 and S175. Seventy-five percent of the TP concentration data collected for these structures was below 71 ppb, with the median values ranging between 6 and 35 ppb. The maximum TP at S178 is 168 ppb, with median TP concentration of 35 ppb, which significantly higher than rest of the C-111 Basin upstream structures.

Figure 2a.

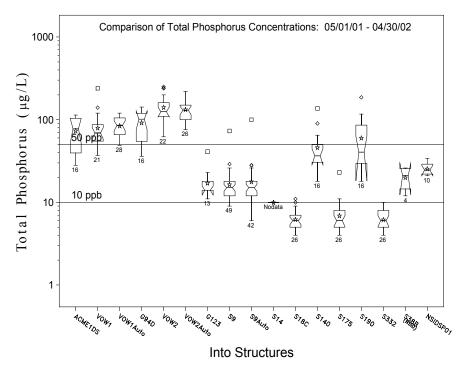


Figure 2b.

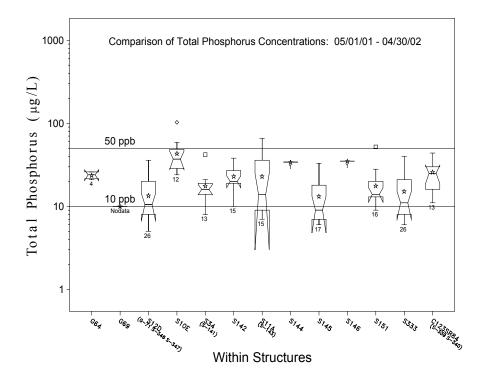


Figure 2c.

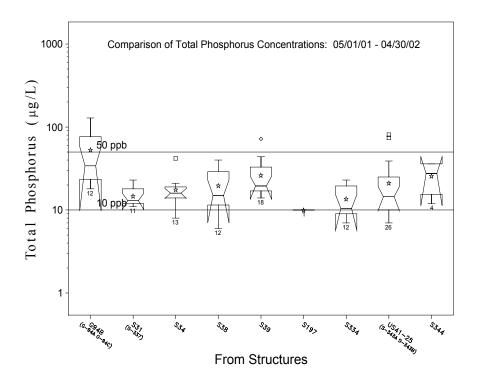
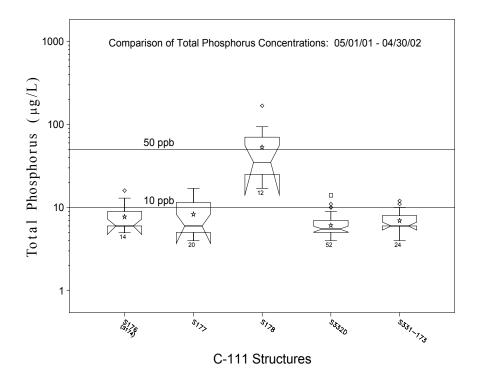


Figure 2d.



#### FLOW-WEIGHTED MEAN TP CONCENTRATIONS FOR ALL STRUCTURES

Extending the analysis from previous water years, flow-weighted mean TP concentrations were calculated for all the structures during WY2002. The Non-ECP permit does not require an annual flow-weighted mean concentration to be calculated. However, the analysis is useful for determining if additional sampling may be required during flow events, and provides a more accurate depiction of concentrations expected during flow events. The calculation for flow-weighted mean TP concentrations was accomplished for structures having sufficient TP and available flow data for WY2002.

There are several common methods that can be used to calculate a flow-weighted mean. The most common method is to multiply the concentration data by the flow data (on days with flow), add the results and then divide the sum by the total accumulated flow for those days. This method uses only the data that were collected and does not involve estimating concentration data for other days when flow occurred. The annual flow-weighted mean TP concentrations. Monthly and annual flow volumes for the "into," "within," "from" and "C-111 Basin" structures during WY2002 are provided in **Appendix 8B-1a**, **Table 2**.

A more detailed analysis of the WY2002 annual flow-weighted mean TP concentration (fwmc) data for each "into" structure is shown in **Table 4**. The calculations were based on two methods for determining flow-weighted mean concentrations. The first method calculates the fwmc for TP using only days of flow and associated TP data. The second method uses an estimation algorithm to determine TP concentrations on all days with positive flow for which no observed values are available.

The two methods resulted in similar calculations for the fwmc at most of the "into" structures. The calculation methods yielded slightly different results for the G94D (92 versus 118 ppb) and S140 (47 versus 48 ppb) sites. A table similar to **Table 4** presented the results (Table 11-3) for the fwmc TP values at "into" sites during WY00 in the 2001 Everglades Consolidated Report. The highest fwmc TP value for the "into" structures during WY2002 was observed at the ACME2 pump station, followed by G94D, ACME1DS, ACME1, S190 and S140 pump stations. These sites are of concern for Total Phosphorus.

The lowest fwmc TP values were observed at the S18C, S175 and S332 monitoring locations. These locations are the subject of interim and long-term compliance limits stipulated in the Settlement Agreement; therefore, these are viewed as a potential concern for TP.

**Table 4**. Annual flow-weighted mean TP concentrations for WY2002 (May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002)

| Hydrologic<br>Basin               | Structure             | Water Quality<br>Station Id     | Total Flow Volume (acre-feet) | Sample Size<br>(Grab) | Number of Days with<br>Positive Flow | Arithmetic Average<br>(Grab)(µg/L) | Sample Size<br>(Comp) | Sample<br>Type                           | Total Samples<br>Collected During Flow | Flow-Weighted <sup>2</sup> Mean Concentration (µg/L) | Flow-Weighted <sup>3</sup> Mean Concentration (ug/1) | TP Load (kg)    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------|
|                                   | ACME1DS               | ACME1DS                         | 20,492 <sup>6</sup>           | 16                    | 102 <sup>6</sup>                     | 74                                 | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 9                                      | 96 <sup>7</sup>                                      | 95 <sup>7</sup>                                      | 2413            |
| ACME (Basin B)                    | ACME1                 | VOW1                            | 20,492                        | 21                    | 102                                  | 80                                 | 27 <sup>8</sup>       | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 114                                    | 90   | 86   | 2178            |
| ACME (Basin B)                    | G94D                  | G94D                            | 22,222 <sup>6</sup>           | 16                    | 106 <sup>6</sup>                     | 92                                 | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 9                                      | 92 <sup>7</sup>                                      | 118 7  | 3229            |
|                                   | ACME2                 | VOW2                            | 22,222                        | 22                    | 106                                  | 142                                | 26 <sup>8</sup>       | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 116                                    | 155  | 152  | 4169            |
|                                   | NSID1                 | NSIDSP01                        | 2,494                         | 10                    | 14                                   | 26                                 | 09                    | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 6                                      | 26   | 26   | 80              |
| North Springs<br>Improv. District |                       | S-38B<br>(WCA-2A<br>near NSID1) | 2,494                         | 4                     | 14                                   | 20                                 | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 0                                      | ND <sup>1</sup>                                      | 16   | 49              |
| North New River                   | G-123                 | G123                            | 52,047                        | 13                    | 101                                  | 17                                 | 48 <sup>8</sup>       | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 106                                    | 16   | 16   | 1057            |
| C-11 West                         | S-9                   | S9                              | 283,618                       | 48                    | 227                                  | 17                                 | 42                    | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 224                                    | 19   | 19   | 6716            |
|                                   | S-175                 | S175                            | 6                             | 26                    | 2                                    | 7                                  | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 2                                      | 7  | 5  | 0               |
| C-111                             | S-332                 | S332                            | 0                             | 26                    | 0                                    | 6                                  | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 0                                      | ND <sup>1</sup>                                      | ND <sup>1</sup>                                      | 0               |
|                                   | S-18C                 | S18C                            | 172,835                       | 26                    | 296                                  | 6                                  | 0                     | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | 21                                     | 5  | 7  | 1525            |
| L-28                              | S-140                 | S140                            | 109,994                       | 16                    | 189                                  | 46                                 | 52 <sup>8</sup>       | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 201                                    | 47   | 48   | 6460            |
| Feeder Canal                      | S-190                 | S190                            | 84,982                        | 16                    | 223                                  | 60                                 | 53 <sup>8</sup>       | Auto <sup>5</sup> &<br>Grab <sup>4</sup> | 236                                    | 90   | 89   | 9314            |
| Boynton Farms                     | Various <sup>10</sup> | Various <sup>10</sup>           | ND <sup>1</sup>               | 32                    | ND <sup>1</sup>                      | 310-<br>1781                       | ND <sup>1</sup>       | Grab <sup>4</sup>                        | ND <sup>1</sup>                        | ND <sup>1</sup>                                      | ND <sup>1</sup>                                      | ND <sup>1</sup> |

#### Notes:

- 1) ND no data available
- 2) Flow-weighted Mean Concentration based on days of flow and monitored TP data only.
- 3) Flow-weighted Mean Concentration based on estimation algorithm to determine TP concentration on non-monitored days
- 4) (Grab) indicates samples collected by grab sampling methodology.
- 5) (Auto) indicates that samples were collected by automatic composite samples.
- 6) Flow data from upstream pump structures, ACME1 and ACME2, is representative of the flow through the ACMD1DS and G94D culverts, respectively.
- Flow weighted mean concentrations for ACME1DS and G94D were calculated using the flow data at upstream structures ACME1 and ACME2, respectively.
- 8) Autosampler installed upstream of structure during WY2001.
- 9) Autosampler installed upstream of structure during WY2002, but no data are available.
- 10) Sites include BFBAFCP,BFBAFNP,BFBAFSP, BFBDFCP, BFBDFNP,BFBDFSP, BFBDFWP, BFBMFCP,BFBMFSP, BFBMFNP and BFBWNCP

#### PESTICIDE MONITORING

#### **Pesticides in Surface Waters and Sediments**

The quarterly surface water and semiannual sediment pesticide sampling at the 15 Non-ECP sites (**Figure 3**) for WY2002 was performed during May, August and December 2001 and February 2002. The pesticide analytes, representative minimum detection limits (MDL) and practical quantitation limits (PQL) are listed in **Table 5**. All analytical work is performed by the Department of Environmental Protection Central Laboratory in Tallahassee, Florida. The reader is referred to the *Quality Assurance Evaluation* section of the individual pesticide event reports for a summary of any limitations on data validity that might influence the utility of these data. The individual reports can be found at the Website shown below:

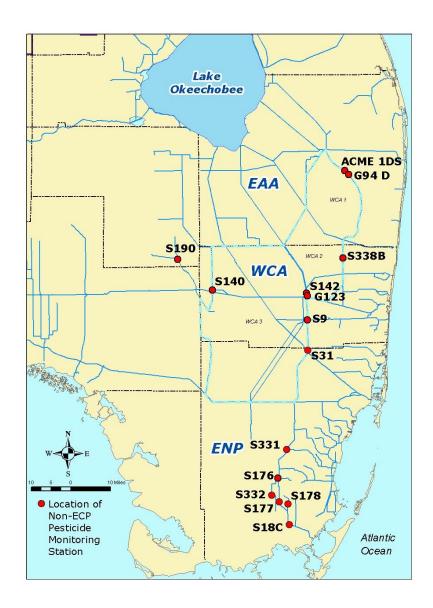
#### http://www.sfwmd.gov/curre/pest/pestindex.htm.

To evaluate the potential impacts on aquatic life, due to the pulsed nature of exposure the maximum observed concentration is compared to the Criterion Maximum Concentration published by the USEPA under Section 304 (a) of the Clean Water Act and as promulgated in Chapter 62-302 (F.A.C.). For compounds not specifically listed, Rule 62-302.200 (F.A.C.) allows for acute and chronic toxicity standards, which are calculated as one-third and one-twentieth, respectively, of the amount lethal to 50 percent of the test organisms in 96 hours, where the 96 hour  $EC_{50}$  or  $LC_{50}$  is the lowest value determined for a species significant to the indigenous aquatic community. **Table 6** lists representative toxicity levels for selected freshwater aquatic invertebrates and fishes.

Table 7 lists the pesticides detected in the surface water during WY2002. A total of four samples was collected at each site and analyzed for all parameters. Pesticides with concentrations greater than their respective Class III criterion or toxicity limit were assigned to the excursion category of "Concern," whereas those higher than the PQL were assigned to the "Potential Concern" excursion category. Four detections were of concern. The diazinon concentrations detected during the August and December 2001 sampling events at S38B (0.097 and 0.053  $\mu$ g/L, respectively) should not have an acute, detrimental impact for fish. However, for aquatic invertebrates this level is slightly greater than the calculated chronic toxicity (0.04  $\mu$ g/L) for *Daphnia magna*, a sensitive indicator species for aquatic macroinvertebrates. The sampling site for S38B is located on the WCA-3A side of the NSID1 Pump Station.

The chlorpyrifos (ethyl) and ethion concentrations detected during the February 2002 event at S177 (0.056  $\mu g/L$ ) and S176 (0.021  $\mu g/L$ ), respectively, should not have an acute, detrimental impact for fish. However, for aquatic invertebrates these levels are greater than the calculated acute toxicity for *Daphnia magna* of 0.005 and 0.003  $\mu g/L$ , respectively.

For all of these compounds, at these concentrations, long-term exposure can cause impacts to the macroinvertebrate populations, but the pulsed nature of urban and agricultural runoff releases to the EPA precludes drawing any conclusions about long-term average exposures.



**Figure 3.** Pesticide monitoring network for Non-ECP structures

**Table 5.** Minimum detection limits (MDL) and practical quantitation limits (PQL) for pesticides determined in May 2001.

|                              | Water           | Sediment    |                            | Water           | Sediment    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Pesticide or                 | Range of        | range of    | Pesticide or               | Range of        | Range of    |
| Degradation                  | MDL-PQL         | MDL-PQL     | Degradation                | MDL-PQL         | MDL-PQL     |
| Product                      | (μg/L)          | (μg/Kg)     | Product                    | (μg/L)          | (μg/Kg)     |
| 2,4-D                        | 0.8 - 3.2       | 17 – 680    | endosulfan sulfate         | 0.0046 - 0.0236 | 0.98 – 32   |
| 2,4,5-T                      | 0.8 - 3.2       | 17 – 680    | endrin                     | 0.019 - 0.1     | 2 – 64      |
| 2,4,5-TP (silvex)            | 0.8 - 3.2       | 17 – 680    | endrin aldehyde            | 0.0038 - 0.0216 | 0.98 - 32   |
| alachlor                     | 0.048 - 0.248   | 29 – 960    | ethion                     | 0.019 - 0.1     | 2.1 – 80    |
| aldrin                       | 0.0019 - 0.0108 | 0.49 - 15.2 | ethoprop                   | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   |
| ametryn                      | 0.0095 - 0.048  | 2.1 – 80    | fenamiphos (nemacur)       | 0.029 - 0.148   | 17 – 640    |
| atrazine                     | 0.0094 - 0.05   | 2.1 – 80    | fonofos (dyfonate)         | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   |
| atrazine desethyl            | 0.0095 - 0.048  | NA          | heptachlor                 | 0.0023 - 0.012  | 0.49 - 15.2 |
| atrazine desisopropyl        | 0.0095 - 0.048  | NA          | heptachlor epoxide         | 0.0019 - 0.01   | 0.49 - 15.2 |
| azinphos methyl (guthion)    | 0.019 - 0.1     | 2.1 – 80    | hexazinone                 | 0.019 - 0.1     | 8.6- 320    |
| $\alpha$ -BHC (alpha)        | 0.0021 - 0.0108 | 0.49 – 15.2 | imidacloprid               | 0.2 - 0.4       | NA          |
| β-BHC (beta)                 | 0.0019 - 0.0168 | 0.49 - 15.2 | linuron                    | 0.2 - 0.4       | 8.6 – 160   |
| χ-BHC (delta)                | 0.00095 - 0.01  | 0.98 - 32   | malathion                  | 0.029 - 0.148   | 6.4 - 240   |
| δ-BHC (gamma)<br>(lindane)   | 0.00095 - 0.01  | 0.49 – 15.2 | metalaxyl                  | 0.048 - 0.248   | NA          |
| bromacil                     | 0.038 - 0.196   | 17 – 640    | methamidophos              | NA              | 21 – 800    |
| butylate                     | 0.019 - 0.1     | NA          | methoxychlor               | 0.0099 - 0.052  | 2.4 - 80    |
| carbophenothion (trithion)   | 0.015 - 0.08    | 1.7 – 80    | metolachlor                | 0.057 - 0.296   | 21 – 800    |
| chlordane                    | 0.0095 - 0.048  | 7.3 - 240   | metribuzin                 | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   |
| chlorothalonil               | 0.015 - 0.08    | 2.4 - 80    | mevinphos                  | 0.057 - 0.296   | 8.6 - 320   |
| chlorpyrifos ethyl           | 0.019 - 0.1     | 2.1 - 80    | mirex                      | 0.011 - 0.06    | 2.0 - 64    |
| chlorpyrifos methyl          | 0.0095 - 0.048  | 4.3 – 160   | monocrotophos<br>(azodrin) | NA              | 43 – 1,600  |
| cypermethrin                 | 0.019 - 0.1     | NA          | naled                      | 0.076 - 0.398   | 35 – 1,280  |
| DDD-p,p'                     | 0.0019 - 0.0216 | 0.98 - 32   | norflurazon                | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   |
| DDE-p,p'                     | 0.0038 - 0.0196 | 0.98 - 32   | parathion ethyl            | 0.019 - 0.1     | 6.4 - 240   |
| DDT-p,p'                     | 0.0038 - 0.0196 | 1.5 – 48    | parathion methyl           | 0.019 - 0.1     | 6.4 - 240   |
| demeton                      | 0.11 - 0.6      | 43 – 1,160  | PCB                        | 0.019 - 0.1     | 10 – 720    |
| diazinon                     | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   | permethrin                 | 0.015 - 0.08    | NA          |
| dicofol (kelthane)           | 0.042 - 0.216   | 7.3 - 240   | phorate                    | 0.029 - 0.148   | 2.1 – 80    |
| dieldrin                     | 0.0019 - 0.01   | 0.49 - 15.2 | prometryn                  | 0.019 - 0.1     | 6.4 - 240   |
| disulfoton                   | 0.019 - 0.1     | 4.3 – 160   | simazine                   | 0.0095 - 0.048  | 2.1 – 80    |
| diuron                       | 0.2 - 0.4       | 8.6 – 160   | toxaphene                  | 0.071 - 0.368   | 37 – 1,200  |
| $\alpha$ -endosulfan (alpha) | 0.0038 - 0.0196 | 0.49 – 15.2 | trifluralin                | 0.0076 - 0.0396 | 2.0 - 64    |
| β-endosulfan (beta)          | 0.0038 - 0.0196 | 0.49 – 15.2 |                            |                 |             |

NA – not analyzed

**Table 6.** Toxicity of pesticide to selected freshwater aquatic invertebrates and fishes ( $\mu$ g/L).

|                   | 48 hr EC50       |     |                       |                         |                       |     |                   |                  | 96 hr LC50             |     |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| Common            | Water flea       |     |                       |                         | Fathead<br>Minnow (#) |     |                   |                  | Bluegill               |     |                   |                  |
| name              | Daphnia<br>magna |     | acute<br>toxicity (*) | chronic<br>toxicity (*) | Pimephales promelas   |     | acute<br>toxicity | chronic toxicity | Lepomis<br>macrochirus |     | acute<br>toxicity | chronic toxicity |
| 2,4-D             | 25,000           | (8) | 8333                  | 1250                    | 133,000               | (8) | 44333             | 6650             | 180,000                | (9) | 60000             | 9000             |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 900 (48 hr)            | (7) | -                 | -                |
| ametryn           | 28,000           | (8) | 9333                  | 1400                    | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 4,100                  | (5) | 1367              | 205              |
| atrazine          | 6900             | (8) | 2300                  | 345                     | 15,000                | (8) | 5000              | 750              | 16,000                 | (5) | 5333              | 800              |
| bromacil          | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 127,000                | (8) | 42333             | 6350             |
| chlorpyrifos ethy | 1.7              | (8) | 0.57                  | 0.085                   | 203                   | (8) | 68                | 10               | 2.6                    | (5) | 0.87              | 0.13             |
|                   | 0.1              | (8) | 0.03                  | 0.005                   | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 5.8                    | (8) | 1.93              | 0.29             |
| DDD, p,p'         | 3,200            | (7) | 1067                  | 160                     | 4,400                 | (1) | 1467              | 220              | 42                     | (1) | 14                | 2.1              |
| DDE, p,p'         | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 240                    | (1) | 80                | 12               |
| diazinon          | 0.8              | (1) | 0.3                   | 0.04                    | 7,800                 | (8) | 2600              | 390              | 168                    | (1) | 56                | 8.4              |
|                   | 0.9              | (4) | 0.3                   | 0.045                   | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 165                    | (3) | 55                | 8.3              |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 16,000                 | (5) | 5333              | 800              |
| diuron            | 1,400            | (8) | 467                   | 70                      | 14,200                | (8) | 4733              | 710              | 5,900                  | (5) | 1967              | 295              |
| endosulfan        | 166              | (8) | 55                    | 8                       | 1                     | (1) | 0.3               | 0.05             | 1                      | (1) | 0.33              | 0.05             |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 2                      | (3) | 0.67              | 0.10             |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | -                      |     | -                 | -                |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | -                      |     | -                 | -                |
| ethion            | 0.06             | (1) | 0.02                  | 0.003                   | 720                   | (1) | 240               | 36               | 210                    | (1) | 70                | 11               |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 13                     | (3) | 4.3               | 0.65             |
|                   | -                |     | -                     | -                       | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 22                     | (4) | 7.3               | 1.1              |
| hexazinone        | 151,600          | (8) | 50533                 | 7580                    | 274,000               | (5) | 91333             | 13700            | 100,000                | (8) | 33333             | 5000             |
| metolachlor       | 23,500           | (8) | 7833                  | 1175                    | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 15,000                 | (5) | 5000              | 750              |
| metribuzin        | 4,200            | (8) | 1400                  | 210                     | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 80,000                 | (5) | 26667             | 4000             |
| norflurazon       | 15,000           | (8) | 5000                  | 750                     | -                     |     | -                 | -                | 16,300                 | (8) | 5433              | 815              |
| simazine          | 1,100            | (8) | 367                   | 55                      | 100,000               | (8) | 33333             | 5000             | 90,000                 | (5) | 30000             | 4500             |

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**Table 6.** (Cont'd). Toxicity of pesticide to selected freshwater aquatic invertebrates and fishes ( $\mu g/L$ ).

| Common            | 96 hr LC50<br>Largemouth<br>Bass |          |          | 96 hr LC50<br>Rainbow<br>Trout (#) |     |          |          | 96 hr LC50<br>Channel<br>Catfish |             |          |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|-----|----------|----------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| name              | Micropterus                      | acute    | chronic  | Oncorhynchus                       |     | acute    | chronic  | Ictalurus                        | acute       | chronic  |
|                   | salmoides                        | toxicity | toxicity | mykiss                             |     | toxicity | toxicity | punctatus                        | toxicity    | toxicity |
| 2,4-D             | -                                | -        | -        | 100,000                            | (5) | 33333    | 5000     | -                                | -           | -        |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 110,000                            | (8) | 36667    | 5500     | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| ametryn           | -                                | -        | -        | 8,800                              | (5) | 2933     | 440      | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| atrazine          | -                                | -        | -        | 8,800                              | (5) | 2933     | 440      | 7,600 (                          | 5) 2533     | 380      |
| bromacil          | -                                | -        | -        | 36,000                             | (8) | 12000    | 1800     | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| chlorpyrifos ethy | -                                | -        | -        | 11                                 | (5) | 3.7      | 0.55     |                                  | 3) 93       | 14       |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | -                                  |     | -        | -        | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| DDD, p,p'         | 42 (1                            | ) 14     | 2.1      | 70                                 | (1) | 23.3     | 3.5      | 1,500 (                          | 1) 500      | 75       |
| DDE, p,p'         | -                                | -        | -        | 32                                 | (1) | 10.7     | 1.6      | -                                | -           | -        |
| diazinon          | -                                | -        | -        | 90                                 | (1) | 30       | 4.5      | -                                | -           | - 1      |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 1,650                              | (3) | 550      | 83       | -                                | -           | - 1      |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 2,900                              | (5) | 967      | 145      | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| diuron            | -                                | -        | -        | 5,600                              | (5) | 1867     | 280      | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| endosulfan        | -                                | -        | -        | 1                                  | (1) | 0.33     | 0.050    | 1 (                              | 1) 0.3      | 0.05     |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 3                                  | (2) | 1        | 0.15     | 1.5 (                            | 3) 0.5      | 0.08     |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 1                                  | (3) | 0.33     | 0.050    | -                                | -           | - 1      |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 0.3                                | (6) | 0.10     | 0.015    | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| ethion            | 173 (1                           | ) 58     | 9        | 500                                | (1) | 167      | 25       | 7,600 (                          | 1) 2533     | 380      |
|                   | 150 (4                           | ) 50     | 8        | 193                                | (3) | 64       | 10       | 7,500 (4                         | 1) 2500     | 375      |
|                   | -                                | -        | -        | 560                                | (4) | 187      | 28       | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| hexazinone        | -                                | -        | -        | 180,000                            | (8) | 60000    | 9000     | -                                | -           | - 1      |
| metolachlor       | -                                | -        | -        | 2,000                              | (5) | 667      | 100      | 4,900 (                          | 3) 1633     | 245      |
| metribuzin        | -                                | -        | -        | 64,000                             | (5) | 21333    | 3200     | 100,000 (8                       | 3) 33333    | 5000     |
| norflurazon       | -                                | -        | -        | 8,100                              | (8) | 2700     | 405      | >200,000 (                       | (5) >67,000 | >10,000  |
| simazine          | -                                | -        | -        | 100,000                            | (8) | 33333    | 5000     | -                                | -           | -        |

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**Table 7**. Pesticide surface water detections and excursions for samples collected from May 2001 to April 2002<sup>1</sup>.

|          | Simazine                 |         |       |       |       |       | 2:0:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|----------|--------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
|          | Norflurazon              |         |       |       |       |       | 0:1:0 | 3:0:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Metribuzin               |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 2:0:0 |             |
|          | Metolachlor              |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 |             |
|          | Hexdazinone              |         |       | 1:0:0 |       |       | 0:4:0 |       |       |       | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Ethion                   |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 0:0:1 |       |       |             |
|          | Endosulfan<br>sulfate    | 1:0:0   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 | 0:2:0 |             |
|          | Beta<br>endosulfan       |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 | 2:0:0 |             |
| punc     | Alpha<br>endosulfan      |         |       |       |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 |       |       |       | 1:0:0 | 0:1:0 | 1:0:0 |             |
| Compound | Diuron                   |         |       | 0:1:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       | 0:1:0 |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Diazinon                 |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 0:0:2 |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Chlorpyrifos, ethyl      |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 0:0:1 |       |             |
|          | Bromacil                 |         |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Atrazine<br>desisopropyl |         |       |       | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       | 3:0:0 |       |       |       |       | 1:0:0 |             |
|          | Atrazine<br>desethyl     | 2:0:0   | 2:0:0 | 1:0:0 | 1:0:0 |       | 1:0:0 | 1:0:0 |       | 0:4:0 | 1:0:0 | 1:0:0 |       |       | 1:0:0 |             |
|          | Atrazine                 | 2:2:0   | 2:2:0 | 2:2:0 | 0:2:0 | 1:0:0 | 0:2:0 | 1:0:0 | 0:1:0 | 0:4:0 | 2:1:0 | 1:2:0 | 0:2:0 | 0:1:0 | 2:2:0 | 1:1:0       |
|          | Ametryn                  | 3:1:0   | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       | 3:0:0 | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | 2,4-D                    | 0:1:0*  | 1:0:0 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|          | Structure                | ACME1DS | G-94D | G-123 | 6-S   | S-18C | S-140 | S-190 | S-332 | S-38B | S-142 | S-31  | S-176 | S-177 | S-178 | S-331/S-173 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Four samples were collected for each site and analyzed for all parameters. Table cell represents only concentrations above the detection limit.

<sup>\*</sup> number of samples <= PQL (No Concern) : number of samples > PQL (Potential Concern): number of samples exceeding criterion or toxicity limit (Concern)

**Table 8.** Pesticide sediment detections and excursions for samples collected in May 2001 and December  $2001^1$ .

|             |          |          |          | Compo  | ound             |                 |                    |        |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| Structure   | bromacil | 'q,q-OOO | DDE-p,p' | diuron | alpha endosulfan | beta endosulfan | endosulfan sulfate | ethion |
| ACME1DS     |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| G-94D       |          | 1:0      | 1:0      |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| G-123       | 1:0 *    |          |          | 1:0    |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-9         |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-18C       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-140       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-190       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-332       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-38B       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-142       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-31        |          |          | 1:0      |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-176       |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    | 1:0    |
| S-177       |          |          | 0:1      |        |                  |                 |                    |        |
| S-178       |          |          | 0:1      |        | 1:0              | 1:0             | 0:1                |        |
| S-331/S-173 |          |          |          |        |                  |                 |                    |        |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Two samples were collected for each site and analyzed for all parameters. Table cell represents only concentrations above the detection limit.

<sup>\*</sup> number of samples <= PQL (No Concern) : number of samples > PQL (Potential Concern)

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